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STAMPS AND STAMP COLLECTING.

T. PUGH.

THE general impression with the public is, that stamp collecting is only a pastime that should be confined to boys at school, however, there are a few facts in connection with stamp collecting of the present day that may tend to dispel this idea. There is now hardly any large city in Europe or America, that has not a Philatelic Society and amongst the members you will generally find barristers, doctors, and men of independent means constitute the greater proportion. And to show how largely the pursuit is gone in for it may be mentioned that one society on the Continent has over 1500 members, and there are also many other Societies which have over 100 on their list. (The Juvenile Philatelist being strictly excluded from such associations.) When one hears also of the extraordinary prices paid for collections it must certainly dispel the idea of its being considered an amusement not worth while wasting time over. It was only by the last English Mail that I received a letter from a fellow collector in Paris who informed me that a very large collection there had been sold for £8000. It may also be interesting to Australians that one of our wealthy Colonial Baronets disposed of his collection some time ago for £3000.

The collections that have been sold at those high rates are not composed as many people would imagine of dirty, torn, and old post marked stamps but principally of unused stamps and as the *face* value of many of these vary from 5s. up to 20s. each it can then be understood how the collection becomes so valuable, of course there are many of the earlier issues that it is impossible to obtain unused specimens of, and then the collector has to be content with those that are post marked. I do not mean to infer that all collectors confine themselves to unused stamps, for in fact it is the exception, not the rule; but I am certainly of the opinion that a collection of purely postmarked stamps would never become very valuable. For my own part I am a very strong advocate for collecting unused stamps as, I fail to see much interest in a stamp where all colour and design has been obliterated by the post mark, of course there is the exception I have already mentioned of some of the earlier issues, but even nearly all these can be obtained with only a very slight post mark on them which by no means defaces the stamp.

In the earlier issues the design was the chief feature, but in the more modern stamp the colour also occupies a prominent position. Some of the early designs are of a highly amusing nature, and many of them are very grotesque. Her Majesty was very unfortunate in this respect, as many of the stamps which bears her supposed portrait are by no means flattering.

In producing the stamp of the present day America is decidedly in advance of all other countries. In speaking of America I do not mean the United States only, but such countries as Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Bolivia, San Salvador, Ecuador, Uruguay, &c., each of these countries seem to vie with one another in producing stamps of an artistic design. Take for instance the Nicaraguan and Costa Rica stamps they are certainly works of art in miniature. The Nicaraguan stamps depict very pretty mountain scenery, and some of the colours they are printed in are of a most delicate tint. Those of Costa Rica show the narrow belt of land there, which divides the Atlantic from the Pacific, the water in the foreground is exquisitely done and the picture as a whole would compare very favourably with many of the best engravings of a much larger design.—*Phil. Monthly.*

CANADA'S POST OFFICE.

OTTAWA, February 25.—The report of the postmaster-general for the year ended the 30th June, 1887, has just been published. The measure of the continued expansion of the postal service of the Dominion during this year will, in its most essential features, be found in the returns and statements constituting the report, which show, amongst other particulars, that 239 new post-offices were established in the several provinces increasing the total number of post offices in operation to 7,534, and that the mail service has been augmented by the organization of 1,920 miles of additional post route, and of 514, 467 miles of additional annual mail travel over the various post routes of Canada. The number of letters passing through the mails is estimated to have increased to a yearly total of 74,300,000, and of post cards to 16,356,000. The arrangements mentioned in the report of last year for the organization of daily postal car service over the whole of the newly opened line of the Canadian Pacific railway from Montreal to Vancouver, have worked well, and the daily service thereon has been maintained with satisfactory regularity. The following concise statement of the postal business of Canada will be read with interest:

No. of post offices, Nov. 1	7,535
Miles of post route	54,786
Annual mail travel in miles	24,325,207
Letters sent by post	74,300,000
Post cards	16,356,000
Registered letters	3,560,000
Free letters	3,160,000
Newspapers and periodicals	10,340,000
Books, circulars, etc	20,000,000
Parcels by post	820,000
Revenue	$2,603,255
Expenditure	$3,458,100
Money order offices	933
Money orders issued	$10,328,984
Post office savings banks	415
Depositors	90,150
Total amount deposited in year	$8,272,041
Deposits held by government	$19,497,750

THE STAMPS OF MEXICO.

(Concluded from last month.)

1. Mexico.
2. Vera Cruz.
3. Guadalajara, (2 types.)
4. Puebla, "
5. S. L. Potosi, (in black,) (in Blue.)
6. Guanajuato, (3 types.)
7. Monterey, (2 types.)
8. Mazatlan, "
9. Matamoras.
10. Morelia, (2 types.)
11. Colima, (3 types.)
12. Queretaro.
13. Zacatecas.
14. Jalapa.
15. Tulacingo.
16. Toluca.
17. Pachuca.
18. Orizava.
19. Merida.
20. Cordova.
21. Chihuahua.
22. Durango, (2 types.)
23. Oaxaca, "
24. Cuernavaca.
25. Acapulco.
26. Campeche.
27. Lapaz.
28. Chiapas.
29. Victoria.
30. Saltillo.
31. Ures.
32. Tixtla.
33. Huejutla.
34. Maravatio.
35. Tula.
36. Aguascalientes.
37. Lagos.
38. Tabasco.
39. Tampico.
40. Tlascala.
41. Guadalajuara, (2 types.)

The last issue mentioned in use till 1872, when a new issue was seen. The design was a somewhat new one—being side face of Hidalgo in oval and inscription in white panels on the four sides of the stamps—centavos on right—Correos on top—value at side, and Mexico at bottom—unperforated. Values were :—

6 centavos—	green.	50 centavos—	yellow.
12 "	blue.	100 "	lilac.
25 "	red.		

With this issue another variety of surcharging came into vogue, the numbers instead of being arranged in an arbitrary manner as before, now followed the letters of the alphabet, with the exception of Mexico which was still number one—the surcharges run :—

1. Mexico, (2 types)
2. Acapulco.
3. Aguascalientes.
4. Apam.
5. { Campeche. { Idel Barmen.
6. Chalco.
7. Chiapas.
8. Chihuahua.
9. Colmia.
10. Cordova.
11. C. Bravos.
12. C. Victoria.
13. Cuantitlan.
14. Cueruavaca.
15. Durango.
16. Guadalajara.
18. Guanajuato.
19. Huejutla.
20. Talapa.

22. Lagos.
23. Lapaz.
24. Maravatio.
25. Matamoras.
26. Mazatlan.
27. Merida.
28. Monterey.
29. Morelia.
30. Oaxaco, (2 types.)
31. Orizavia, "
32. Otumba.
33. Pachuca.
34. Puebla.
35. Queretaro.
36. Saltielo.
37. S. L. Potosi.
38. Tabasco.
39. Tacubaya.
40. Tampico.
41. Tepiji.
45. Tlaxcala.
46. Toluca.
47. Tula.
48. Tulacingo.
49. Ures, (2 types.)
50. Vera Cruz, (3 types.)
51. Zacatecas.
52. Guanajuato.

In 1874 another issue was given to the public, very finely engraved head of Hidalgo in various frames, perforated :—

5 centavos, brown.
10 " black.
25 " blue.
50 " green.
100 " red.

The surcharges and numbers of this issue are the same as the preceding with the addition of

53. Cocula.
54. Cguzman.
55. Tepic.
56. Paral.
57. Tehuacan.
58. Tuxpan.
59. Tula du T.
60. Zamora.
61. Cordova.

This issue is also found with the number and date only surcharged. In 1878 a new value was added to the set, 4 cent orange; and the color of the 10 cent was changed from black to orange. At the same time the surcharges were again changed, starting the numbers from the end of the alphabetical list, on those the date and number are close together.

1. Zamora, (in black and blue.)
2. Zacatecas, (in black, blue and red.)
3. Vera Cruz, (2 types.)
4. { Hermosillo. / Ures.
5. Tulacingo.
6. Tula de T.
7. Tula, (in black and red.)
8. Tuxpan, (in black, red and blue.)
9. Toluca, (3 types.)
10. Tehuacan.
11. Texcoco.
12. Tepic.
13. Tlax colo.
14. Tampico.
15. Tacubaya.
16. Tabsco.
17. S. L. Potosi.
18. Saltillo.
19. Queretaro.
20. Puetba.
21. Pachuca.
22. Orizava, (also Orizaba.)
23. Oaxaca.
24. Morelia.
25. Monterey.

26. Merida.
27. Mazatlan.
28. Matamoras, (2 types.)
29. Maravatio.
30. Lapaz, (2 types.)
31. Lagos.
32. Tilotepec.
33. Talapa.
34. Pardal.
35. Huejutla.
36. Guanajuato, (2 types and 4 colors)
37. Guadalajara.
38. Durango.
39. Chihuahua.
40. Chiapas.
41. Chalco.
42. Cordova.
43. Cguzman.
44. Cocula.
45. Cuernavaca.
46. Cuantitlan.
47. C. Victoria.
48. C. Bravos.
49. Colmia.
50. Campeche.
51. Apam.
52. Aguascalientes.
53. Acapulco.
54. Mexico.
55. Colmia.

With 1877 the Government issued a new set of a new design. The values were:—

1 cent, brown.
2 cents, lilac.
5 " orange.
10 " blue.
25 cents, rose.
50 " green.
85 " violet.
100 " black.

1882 brought out another type in new values, the design was the figure of value in oval, values were:—

2 cents, green.
3 " red.
6 " blue.

These last two issues will be found without surcharge, surcharged with date and number only, with date and name of town, and with name of town only.

In 1884 the familiar large green stamp was issued in fifteen values.

1 centavo, green.
2 " "
3 " "
4 " "
5 " "
6 " "
10 " "
12 " "
20 centavo, green.
25 " "
50 " "
1 peso, blue.
2 pesos, "
5 " "
10 " "

As may be imagined the difficulty in distinguishing between the values was very great, and they thus remained for only about a year, when a new issue took place. Same plates were used for printing but different colors for each value were used:—

1 cent, pale green.
2 " carmine.
3 " red brown.
4 " red.
5 " blue.
6 cent. brown.
10 " orange.
12 " olive brown.
25 " blue green.
50 " vermilion.

In 1886 the design of the stamps was once more changed, the design consisting of the figure of value in small oval, values were:—

1 cent, green.
2 " red.
3 " lilac.
4 " "
5 " blue.
6 " lilac.
10 " "
12 " "
20 cent, lilac.
25 " "
50 " "
1 peso, carmine.
2 pesos, "
5 " "
10 " "

The last three issues of Mexican stamps may be had in every shade of the color in which they are printed as apparently very little care was used to make the color uniform. In the latter part of 1887 several of the lower values were printed on what is apparently common blue ruled writing paper. The colors of the last issue are now in process of changing as we have the 3 cent in carmine, and other colors are chronicled.

Of the other stamps of Mexico such as the Potre de Mar, Guadalajara, etc., I am not able to speak as I have no knowledge of them. In the preceding article I am much indebted to a very fine article by "Caillebotte" in "Le Timbre Poste."

DAVID LANG.

NEW BRUNSWICK LAW STAMPS.

H. R. Donahoe.

THESE stamps are legalized by virtue of an Act passed in the March-April Session of the General Assembly in 1884, entitled "An Act respecting Law Stamps." There appeared some time later a set of four stamps printed in blue on white paper, perforated, 17 by 26, design is a figure of Justice holding scales in right hand and a sword in the left. Towards the end of 1887 the 20 cent was changed to red. Unused specimens can easily be obtained at their face value. The used specimens are difficult to procure as the papers upon which they are placed are made matters of record and cannot be removed from the court files.

NEW BOOKS.

WE have received from the publishers (Stanley, Gibbons & Co.,) a copy of the second supplement to Major Evans' "Philatelic Handbook. The author's name is sufficient guarantee for the contents. It is got up in the best possible style. We notice that Major Evans has fallen into the error of crediting Canada with a post card which was never issued. He says "Type of the card of 1882 but with the stamp lettered *Post Card* instead of *Postage*. This chronicle was going the rounds of the philatelic press last fall, and was contradicted several times.

NOTES.

SEVERAL errors occurred in Mitchell & Co.'s adv. last month. Please read it in its corrected form.

THE American Philatelist is as usual at the top, especially to be commended is Corwins, "Various and Sundry."

CASEY'S sale for May, 3rd and 4th, promises to be something good, judging from the catalogue which we have had the pleasure of receiving.

WE notice that the April No. of the Q. C. P. has a couple of pages filled with idiotic trash. Something better would be expected from a paper like it.

MR. J. M. DOUGLASS, Jr., Middleton, Ct., has sent us a copy of his very neat little catalogue of United States adhesives. The prices are remarkably low.

A NEW directory of stamp collectors will shortly be issued by Mr. Chas. A. Townsend. It will give size of collection, speciality, etc., and will fill a long-felt want.

MR. J. B. SMITH has favoured us with copies of the *Springfield Republican* in which he conducts quite an interesting Philatelic department. The department contains more real news than many of our stamp journals.

ONE of our city collectors has in his possession a pair of philatelic oddities which are almost unique. They consist of the 3d. Nova Scotia stamp, with 5c. printed on it, on the original envelopes. They are postmarked respectively January 13th and January 20th, 1860. As the Nova Scotia currency was changed in January 18th from £ to $ c., it is probable they are due to an enterprising postmaster who wished to keep up to the times.

WHILE speaking of N. S. stamps we are reminded that we have seen for the first time the only Govt. provisional issued by Nova Scotia. This is the 3 p. cut in halves diagonally. It was authorized so as to make the odd 1½d. in the 7½d. postage to Great Britain. The specimen we have seen is on the original envelope, addressed to Scotland, and consists of two 3d. and a split 3d. in an unsevered block. They are very rare on this side of the water but should be commoner on the other.

Scott's revised list of postage stamps in the American Journal of Philately has gone into the differences of U. S. envelopes and has given cuts, etc., which an ordinary collector can understand. I must confess that I could never take any interest in the envelopes of U. S. on account of the large number of varieties and the slight distinction between them, but Mr. Scott is now putting his information and cuts in such a form that an ordinary mind can grasp it, which cannot be done with several others who have written on the subject.

We notice that several foreign philatelic journals are chronicling Canadian stamps, envelopes, cards and wrappers, with official surcharges. Those are all undoubtedly fraudulent, as the Canadian Government have issued one official wrapper only, which was for the Inland Revenue Department, weights and measures branch, printed in French and English as follows:—

Inland Revenue, Canada,
Weights and Measures Service.
Official Circular.

To.....

This band to be used *On Her Majesty's Service* only and must have no writing thereon but the name and address.

If the truth of our statement is doubted we will get official proof of the fraudulency of those surcharges.

TOLIMA STAMPS.

WE have received from a correspondent of ours in Tolima, the following letter, with the request to publish it:—

"I now beg to communicate to your readers that the Government of Tolima offers for sale, the remainder of the issue of postage stamps of 1875, being the following values:—

1097	stamps of	$10.00	5642	stamps of	$0.50
100	"	5.00	1084	"	0.25
190	"	2.00	712	"	0.10
5231	"	1.00	576	"	0.05

and some Registration bands, of these stamps the values of 1, 2, 2½c. are wanting, but the government will issue enough to make complete sets.

They are offered at a discount of 40% below face. The Government will guarantee that these are the genuine remainders, and the buyer will own the complete lot. After printing the 1, 2, 2½c. the plates will be destroyed of all values. All offers are requested to be forwarded before the 20th April. This offer has been made in France, Germany, England, Canada and United States.

GUILLERMO ARCIMEGAS,
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CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—½c. blue, 3c. green, 6c. red, have been issued. Also envelopes 5 cent, carmine and 10 cent, brown, on white laid paper, and also a letter card 2c.

Austria.—The 15 on 5 soldi has not been issued.

Brazil.—Mr. Henry Hechler has shown us specimens of the new 1000 reis stamp of Brazil. They are on white papar with the impression on light blue. The design consists of two oblong rectangular panels in the centre. The upper is occupied by a scene consisting of a mountain on the right, with a sea view and a distant steamer on

the left. The lower contains the figures of value 1.000. Above and below are panels formed by irregular scroll-work, the upper embracing the word "*Brazil*," and the lower "*Reis*." On either side is similar scroll-work and all vacant spaces are occupied by intricate letter work. On the whole from an artistic point of view these stamps are inferior to those of preceeding issues. The letters, figures, scrolls and frames of the panels are in blank, thus showing up clearly in contrast with the light blue of the ornamental surroundings. Other values of this issue are announced to soon appear.

Br. Bechuanaland.—There are £1 and £5 stamps, both green, same type as the 1sh. The value of the registry envelope was changed from 2d. to 4d., by cancelling the original value and printing "Four" below.

Br. Honduras.—The 1½d. card is surcharged 5 cents.

Bulgaria.—A new series will be issued soon, with head of Prince Ferdinand in oval, the Bulgarian lions at the sides, and figures of value in corners.

Colombia.—The heading of the present cubierta is changed to read "Republica de Colombia."

French Colonies.—The 15c. letter card exists on both blue and grey card.

Hungary.—5 Kr. letter card is now carmine on grey.

Hyderabad.—½a. envelopes are printed in gold yellow.

Mexico.—*Der Ph.* notes the 5c. stamp in grey green (c. c. 39.) *The Ph. R.* has an official envelope with "Servicio Postal" in brown red script, and Mexican arms in a circle in upper left corner. "Republica Mexicana" above all. Official stamp is dark green and perf. 7.

New South Wales.—The post cards mentioned is 1d. carmine on white.

Persia.—3 on 5sh. green, 6 on 50c. of 1882, and 8 on 50c. of 1886, have appeared surcharged "Official" and a figure in black.

The 1fc. has been seen in the colors of the 5c. and surcharged "5."

Phillipine I.—2½c. blue of 1882 has been surcharged in oval "Union Gral—8 cent —Habilitado."

Roumania.—5 and 30 bani unpaid letter stamps are now green.

Santander.—The new 10c. violet is inscribed "Departamento de Santander."

Shanghai.—40 and 80 cash are surcharged "20 cash" in blue.

United States.—The envelope die mentioned has been found in green, on both white and amber paper. The 5c. Garfield stamp is now dark blue.

Uruguay.—"Union Postale Universal" is the reading of the 2c. post cards, blue on white, and "Tarjeta" is on a scroll cross the top of the U. of Union.

Venezuela.—The 10c. mentioned some years ago has appeared and is red. The 25c. has been lithographed a second time and is rouletted, the 1 Bolivar Escuelas is also lithographed and perforated 11.

FISCALS AS POSTALS.

AT a recent meeting of the Nova Scotia branch of the C. P. A. the question was asked whether unused specimens of the kinds of fiscal stamps that have been authorized at any time to be employed for postal purposes can take rank as postage stamps or, indeed, whether any fiscals can properly under any circumstances be classed with postage stamps.

This question being an important one requiring a lengthy explanation and was likely to lead to considerable debate as diverse views are doubtless entertained by different members, I moved that the debate be adjourned to a subsequent meeting, which was agreed to.

My views on the subject are as follows :—

If a fiscal stamp is authorized to be thus employed it certainly deserves postally, used or unused, to take its place among postage stamps, provided it has not been used fiscally. If it bears any sign of having been so used it cannot be reckoned as a postage stamp.

For instance Venezuela has an exterior and an interior set of postage stamps. The former are used *only* for the payment of postage on letters going abroad. The latter are used both as fiscals and to pay postage on domestic mail matter. This illustration proves the correctness of my view as given above, because the "interior" stamps, if unused, are always recognised as postage stamps.

If a fiscal stamp is authorized and surcharged on its face by the Post Office Department it is in every respect a postage stamp, as in the case of the Philippine Islands and the Macau. When they are once so surcharged they cease to be fiscal stamps and cannot be used as such. Therefore they cannot be regarded as fiscals.

Fiscal or revenue stamps that are authorized to be used as postals, though not surcharged by the Post Office Department as is the case in those of Chili, Costa Rica, Great Britain, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Montserrat, Natal, Nevis, New Zealand, Orange Free State, Queensland, St. Christopher, St. Lucia, South Australia, Spain, Tasmania, Venezuela and Victoria come under the rule given above, *i. e.* that whether used or unused, *except when they have been used for fiscal purposes*, they must be regarded and placed as postals.

In view of these facts it is merely a matter of individual taste on the part of a collector whether he admits them to his collection used postally or unused.

I may further say for myself that I would just as soon add an unused specimen to my collection as one that had a forged post-mark, as is the case with the majority of the Australian fiscals that were authorized to be used postally which are in circulation.

I trust that the above views will commend themselves to my philatelic friends as being correct.

HENRY HECHLER.

POSTAGE STAMP DEVICES.

BY EDWARD F. HERDMAN.

IN Foreign Stamps we find strange vagaries of portraiture, devices, and contour. The face of Donna Maria II., who some 35 years ago ruled over Portugal, is plain even to ugliness; and that of the ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, as depicted in 1853, would not be regarded as more handsome than that of a coarse stout female of our middle class. Curiously enough, unlike those of our Queen, the protraits grew more flattering as she grew older, and in 1868 she grew almost handsome. The Republican Stamp, after her abdication, bore a pretty young woman, superseded by another device in 1872. Upon the French Stamps the bust of liberty, but decidedly a frisky and buxom-looking matron, appeared until 1876. The Head of Louis I. is borne upon the Stamps of the Azores, and other Portuguese possessions, but on the Baden Stamps, the Grand Duke's visage, too sacred to be liked, appears only on the Stamped Envelopes. No effigy appears on the stamps of Bavaria; but on the Belgian Stamps Leopold I, formerly appeared in full uniform, and was in due time succeeded by Leopold II. On the Brazilian Labels no head was seen until 1863, when they bore the head of the present Emperor. Bulgaria sports a bedraggled lion, shaking its forepaws, probably at the Russian bear. The Russian Stamps have the arms in relief, and in the centre is an oval frame, surmounted by drapery —with colours varying, as is customary in most countries, according to the value—without any portrait of the Czar.

WE are in receipt of the Jubilee Number of Mons Moens paper, "Le Timbre Poste." With the March No. it has concluded its 25th year. The contents are something very fine, being contributed from the leading Philatelists of Europe, each apparently writing in his own special line, as "The first stamped envelopes of Russia by F. Breitfuss, Postage Stamps of Italy by F. Carotti, Notes on the stamps of the extinct Italian states by C. Diena, Stamps of Bermuda by Major Evans, and many others too numerous to mention. Each article is headed by an engraving of the author. The No. consists of 36 pages of solid reading matter. In the April No. of his paper he has printed the article on the correct date of issue of the stamps of Nova Scotia, which was originally published in the columns of this paper.

ACCORDING to late despatches to Ottawa, the late Postal Convention between the United States and Canada is to be amended, on some points which the U S. claim to be unfair to them. The amendments go into force from the 1st of May.

WE regret to say that lately we have been unable to get out much before the end of the month, but in future we will do better. Advertisers would do well to give us a trial ad. as we have a big Canada circulation.

"STAMP Collectors' Figaro" for April has a new cover and is looking remarkably well. It has made a new departure in illustrating its Chronicle. Evidently Bro. Voate is making money.

NOVA SCOTIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Meeting April 2nd, 1888.

MEETING called to order at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, Mr. Hechler took the chair. Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Members present, Messrs. Hechler, Kaye, Smith, A. E. Gass, Smith Ed., Larsen, O., Larsen, T., DeWolf, Caldwell and King. The Secretary reported that he had written to Messrs. Craig & Petril in regard to the exchange sheets from C.P.A., but had received no answer. The exchange has received three books from C. P. A., they are now in process of going through members hands. The books are not as good as they ought to be, and there are numerous stamps on them that should not be there, but time will doubtless improve them. The Ex. Supt. reported that he had written Mr. J. R. Findlay as to whether he desired exchange sheets or not, but had received no answer, so it was decided to drop his name. The Secretary was instructed to write to Secretary C. P. A. in regard to the recognition of our branch society; also to the official editor complaining that several of our members have not received copies of the official organ, and also requesting them to send a copy to our Librarian for the Society's tables.

The discussion as to the collecting of fiscals postally used was then started. Mr. Hechler read a paper on the subject, which was also discussed by Messrs. Kaye, Larsen and Caldwell. After the finishing of the discussion a lively scene occurred at the auction which took place. The best bargains were a pair unsevered of P. E. I. 3c., one error and one not, to DeWolf for $1.00. A Newfoundland brown to King for 85c. A set of surcharged Macau to Gass for 37c. After the auction was through the meeting then adjourned at 10.30.

D. A. KING, *Secretary.*

Meeting of April 23rd, 1888.

Meeting called to order at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President, Vice-President Crane took the chair. Members present were Messrs. Crane, Hechler, Hart, T. Larsen, O. Larsen, Caldwell, A. E. Smith, Mathers, Currie, Kaye, DeWolf, and King. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Ex Supt. then gave in his report. Three new candidates were then nominated for membership, Mr. L. H. Crowell by Kaye, seconded by King, Mr. E. F. Smith by E. A. Smith, seconded by Caldwell, and Mr. T. H. Francis by Hechler, seconded by King, all three were unanimously elected members, and on payment of their annual fee will be allotted their official numbers. This concluded the business of the meeting and the auction was commenced and kept up with considerable spirit. The members were notified of the doing away with notices for every meeting, the notifications to be kept published a month in advance in the official organ. The next meeting of the society will take place in their rooms, at the usual hour on the evenings of the 14th and 28th May. Meeting then adjourned at 10.15.

D. A. KING, *Secretary.*

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